

MISSA Annual Meeting
November 5, 2016
Columbia Yacht Club

Meeting was called to order at 5:42 pm. Roll Call:

Teams present were:

Arrowhead High School	Hopkins High School - MN	Southwest Senior High School
Avon High School	Jones College Prep	Spring Lake High School
Beacon Academy	Kettle Moraine High School	St. Francis High School
Benilde St. Margarets	Lake Forest Academy	St. Ignatius
Blaine High School	Lake Forest High School	St Mary's Prep
Brother Rice High School - IL	Lane Tech College Prep	St. Paul Academy - MN
Chanhassen High School	Latin School of Chicago	St. Paul Central High School
Cranbrook Kingswood	Lincoln Park High School	Thomas Worthington High School
Culver Academies	Loyola Academy	Traverse City
Detroit Country Day School	Lyons Township High School	Traverse City Central
East Grand Rapids	Mahtomedi	Traverse City West
Eden Prairie	Minnetonka High School	Trinity High School
Edina High School	Mounds Park Academy	University of Chicago Laboratory
Evanston Township HS	Mounds View High School	Visitation School
Fenwick High School	New Albany High School	Walter Payton College
Forest Hills Central High School	New Trier HS	Preparatory
Grand Rapids Christian High School	Oconomowoc High School	Washburn High School
Grosse Ile High School	Olentangy Liberty High School	Wayzata High School
Grosse Pointe North High School	Olentangy Orange High School	West Bloomfield High School
Grosse Pointe South High School	Orono High School	Westerville North High School
Groves High School	Oxford High School	Westerville South High School
Highland Park High School - IL	Providence Academy	White Bear Lake High School
Hinsdale Central High School	Robbinsdale Cooper High School	Woodlands Academy
	South Christian High School	

President's Report: Ted Anderson

I found some notes from the first MISSA annual meeting I came to in 2010. Don Shea was finishing his term as president and was talking about the great growth the district had gone through. There were 32 registered teams, 27 had actually participated in regattas. The previous spring 18 schools sent teams to MISSA Mallory qualifier and 11 to Baker. There was discussion about what to do if we had more teams show up for Malloy than we had boats, and how to handle the growth. It seemed like everyone pretty much knew each other and all the regattas were in five or six different venues.

I'm happy to report that I think the district has handled the growth extremely well, and we are continuing to grow. We are currently the largest high school sailing district in the country, with 103 paid and registered teams. This fall, MISSA schools hosted 30 regattas in 22 different venues – several of those hosting their first high school regatta. By the time the fall season is over 19 different teams will have represented our District in national championships or

national invitationals, and with some great results, highlighted by Arrowhead coming in third at the Larry White Invitational at the Coast Guard Academy and Saint Ignatius placing 5th and being the top non-San Diego team at the PCISA girls invitational. Just a year ago at this time, we had 77 schools. So we've grown 30% in a year, and hopefully dealing with growth is something we will continually have to do. Just yesterday I had an inquiry from several schools in downstate Illinois.

But there are real challenges with this growth. We don't all know each other anymore, and communication can be a challenge. We want to grow and promote the sport of sailing and have our programs be as much fun as possible and at the same time we need to provide fair competition adhering to the rules, meet legal and liability requirements, and ensure we are advancing our top teams to nationals.

Balancing these demands can be a challenge, and the Board is often put in the role of saying "no" and enforcing the rules. It doesn't mean we have forgotten that the goal is to maximize participation and make it fun.

We've made a few changes this year to improve communications and administration. We have implemented a mailing list that anyone can opt in or opt of, and the feedback I am getting is that it is helping improve communication. Our new online registration and dues payment system really streamlined the administrative processes and we had mostly positive reaction to that.

I want to encourage everyone to work to improve communications within your programs between coaches, parents, and administrators. Many of the calls I get could have been prevented if people read NORs and emails, paid attention to deadlines for registering, paying, entering RP, accepting berths. and knew within their programs who was responsible for doing what.

There are a lot of viewpoints and voices on how we as a district could improve and how specific regattas or venues could improve. Our monthly area calls are the primary place where these thoughts can be discussed and addressed, and provide an open forum for you to bring ideas and issues to the board's attention. Our monthly board meetings always start with a report of what was discussed on each area call. If your school isn't participating in these calls, you should be – this is our primary method for two- way communication. Any proposals for changing the way we do things need to come to the board, and if necessary, this meeting, via the area calls.

Each of our three areas has unique geographic challenges. We all will have travel challenges as the adding new venues agendas we grow and try to make sure that we can get in all the qualifiers we need, plus as many opportunities as possible for smaller programs and JV sailors from bigger programs. We count on the hosts within each area to put on regattas, and I would like to personally thank each of you have helped organize and run one or more regattas this fall. Overall, the events have been well run.

If you have comments or complaints about a specific venue or regatta, I would urge you first to address it directly with the host and to make it as constructive as possible. Remember that all of our regattas rely heavily on volunteerism, and that nobody here has ever put on a perfect

regatta. We can all help each other get better without pointing fingers and complaining behind people's backs. I want to thank my fellow board members, all the coaches and parents who work hard to make MISSA great. - Respectfully submitted, Ted Anderson

Treasurer Report: Martha Kinzel

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets		
JP Morgan Chase Checking		24,753.91
Chase Savings		2,005.34
Total Current Assets		26,759.25
TOTAL ASSETS		26,759.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		26,759.25

PROFIT & LOSS

January 1 to November 4, 2016

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Program Income		
Membership Dues		
Membership Dues - Other		14,760.00
ISSA Portion of Membership		-9,800.00
Total Membership Dues		<u>4,900.00</u>
Total Program Income		4,900.00
Expenses		
Miscellaneous		28.87
Bank Fees		335.22
Total Expenses		
364.09		
Net Ordinary Income		<u>4,535.91</u>
Interest Income		0.35
NET INCOME		<u>4,536.26</u>

Nominating Committee Report: Frank Ustach

The 2017-18 MISSA Officers Slate was presented as follows:

- President – Ted Anderson
- Treasurer – Jeff Hudson
- East VP – Lynn Frikker
- Central VP – Zac Hernadez
- West VP – Matt Thompson

Nominating Committee: Frank Ustach, Don Shea and Hunter Ratliff

Election of Officers:

Motion to accept the proposed slate by Sharon Murphy Garber and seconded by Nick Hovland.

The MISSA Officer slate was passed by a unanimous vote for the 2017-2018 term.

Proposed changes to By-Laws:

Ted Anderson presented the following five changes to the By-Laws. He explained that none are major changes, rather we are adjusting the by-laws to match how we have actually been operating.

Proposed Change 1 - Allow an electronic vote by Membership to change Bylaws

Amend Article VIII, Section 2 to read as follows (changes in italics):

The Bylaws may be adopted and amended, from time to time, by majority vote of the members at the annual meeting, *or by an electronic vote of the membership. Such electronic vote will be coordinated by the MISSA Board, and a majority of all current Members is required in an electronic vote.*

Rationale: The current Bylaws only allow changes to be made at the annual meeting. However changes in the legal structure of ISSA and MISSA, and requirements from ISSA and insurance may require us to make changes mid-year to stay in compliance. This change allows the District to amend the Bylaws as needed with approval from a majority of member schools.

Proposed Change 2 – Clarify School Eligibility to Compete

Amend Article III, Section 2 (b) to read:

Only schools in good standing may compete *at any MISSA regatta or represent MISSA at any ISSA event.*

Rationale: The existing wording lists specific regattas, implying that schools not in good standing could compete in other regattas.

Proposed Change 3 – Eliminate Mention of Spring Meeting

Change Article VII, Section 1 to read:

The board of directors shall set annual dues *each spring* for the next academic year.

Rationale: The current wording says this will be done at the MISSA spring meeting, but there is no requirement elsewhere for a spring meeting, and at last year’s spring meeting we decided not to continue having a spring general meeting.

Proposed Change 4: MISSA Board of Directors (no Executive Committee)

In Article VI, Section 4 and Article IV Section 1, change the reference of “Executive Committee” to read “**MISSA Board of Directors.**”

Rationale: We have not an “executive committee” within the board. The Board is the board.

Proposed Change 5: Clarify At-Large Vice President Role

Change the third sentence of Article IV, Section 1 to read:

The President may also appoint *an at-Large Vice President* to serve as **MISSA Representative to the ISSA.**

Rationale: Current wording just says “appoint a person” but does not specify a title. Actual practice for many years has been to call this role a MISSA VP.

A motion was made to approve all five changes by Eric Ellison and second by Kurt Thomsen. The By-law changes passed by a unanimous vote.

2017 Draft Schedule: Handed out

- o Area schedules for Tier 3s
- o 2017 MISSA Qualifiers:
 - o Mallory - Chicago YC/ Belmont
 - o Baker – Minnetonka YC
 - o Cressy - Sheridan Shores Sailing School
 - o Upcoming ISSA hosting rotations that will be in
MISSA Fall 2018 Cressy
Spring 2020 Mallory
- o Great Lakes / Shepherd Quailfiers for 2017

There may be some changes to the Draft schedule. Check the website often.

Other New Business:

Sharon Murphy Garber reported on some of the issue that are still problems with Tech Score.

- There are 9 teams who have unregistered sailors. Teams have to make sure their team rosters are updated and current each season.
- Two of the teams whose results were incorrect and rankings had to be adjusted. Tier 1-2-and 3 regattas all use the Tech Score program.
- “Mixed Teams” have to be entered as “Mixed Teams”.
- MISSA Ranking as of 11/5/2016 were handed out.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.